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In re application of:

Kaoru Sakai

Application No.: 09/802,687

Filed: March 8, 2001

For: IMAGE ALIGNMENT METHOD,
COMPARATIVE INSPECTION
METHOD, AND COMPARATIVE
INSPECTION DEVICE FOR
COMPARATIVE INSPECTIONS

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 6868

Examiner: Yosef Kassa

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 19, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.